

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 12-25 are pending in this application. By this Response, claims 12 and 20 have been amended, and are presented with markings to indicate their current amendments. Claims 13-19 and 21-25 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 26-30 are presented. Attached hereto is a complete listing of all the claims, with their status listed parenthetically.

In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claim 10 is allowed, and that claims 13-14, 16-17, 21-22 and 24 and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended claim 12 to include claim 13, and amended claim 20 to include claim 21. In addition, Applicant submits new claims 26-30. Claim 26 comprises claims 13 and 14 and their base claim (claim 12). Claim 27 comprises claim 16 and its base claim (claim 12). Claim 28 comprises claim 16 and 17 and their base claim (claim 12). Claim 29 comprises claims 21 and 22 and their base claim (claim 20). Claim 30 comprises claims 21, 22 and 24 and their base claim (claim 20). Therefore, Applicant submits that new claims 26-30 are now allowable.

In the Drawings

Attached please find formal replacement FIGS. 1-5 for the originally-submitted FIGS. 1-5. The new formal replacement figures add no new matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, claims 12, 15, 18-20 and 23 stand rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,424,645 ("Kawabata") in view of U.S. Patent 4,672,608 ("Ball"). As claims 12 and 20 have been amended as described above, and claims 15 and 18-19 have been cancelled without prejudice, the Section 103(a) rejection is now moot.

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Conclusion

Applicant believes that this Response has addressed all items in the Office Action and now places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 10, 12, 20 and 26-30 at an early date is solicited. No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required to our Deposit Account No. 50-3143, in the name of Pulse-Link, Inc. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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DRAWINGS

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